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PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

Each spring nearly three million young Americans graduate from public and private high schools throughout the country. The best students among them traditionally receive scholarships and other prizes for their accomplishments and to encourage them to further develop their talents for their own good and the good of society.

This system of recognition and encouragement has been carried to its ultimate level in the Presidential Scholars program—the highest possible honor for American high school students.

By personally recognizing 121 truly outstanding young men and women each year, the President honors all American youth of high academic ability, the schools that train them, and ultimately the entire educational enterprise.

Presidential Scholars are chosen with exacting care. They represent the finest intellectual and leadership achievement in their class, and they are indeed worthy to receive from the hand of the President the bronze medallions signifying their honor.

The medallions are theirs and the honor is theirs—as, indeed, are the extraordinary abilities and unusual potential that won them Presidential recognition.

But in a larger sense the true beneficiary of this effort is America itself, a country reaching for the highest levels of excellence in every area of human endeavor, a Nation seeking for all its people the maximum opportunity for education to enable them to live lives of challenge, accomplishment, and fulfillment.

The Presidential Scholars program speaks directly to these goals.

—The Commission on Presidential Scholars

Selection Process

The Presidential Scholars are chosen by a group of Americans distinguished in education and public affairs. The Commission on Presidential Scholars selects a boy and a girl from each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and from Americans living abroad. Another 15 are chosen at large. All are picked on the basis of outstanding scholarship and demonstrated leadership capabilities.

There are no applications for the honor. Students automatically become candidates by taking national tests given by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the College Entrance Examination Board, or the American College Testing Association. In this way approximately 1,500,000 students are considered, virtually all who will go to college and certainly all of outstanding record.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which coordinates the selection process under a contract with the Federal Government, examines the qualifications of all candidates, reviewing in detail their school and test records, honors, and activities. Three are chosen for each of the 121 positions and submitted to the Commission for final decisions at its annual meeting in May.

The Chairman of the Commission delivers the list of recommended winners to the President who notifies the students by telegram that he has named them as Presidential Scholars, inviting them to meet with him at the White House in June for presentation of the medallions.

The award is purely honorary. There are no provisions for financial aid since it is assumed that all Presidential Scholars already have been provided with sufficient assistance from other sources to enable their attendance at college.

Presentation

The Presidential Scholars are brought to Washington the day before the White House presentation ceremony and housed at a local university. The first evening there is a welcoming reception for the Scholars attended by youthful members of the President's staff who discuss with the young visitors the operations of the White House and of government. The occasion is also used by Commission representatives to explain to the Scholars the nature of their visit—where they will go, whom they will see—and to answer any questions they might have.

The following day the Scholars are taken on a tour of government that few visitors to the Capital experience. They visit the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Pentagon and are given the opportunity to interview highly placed persons such as Cabinet members, astronauts, and Supreme Court Justices. They also lunch individually with their Senators and Representatives.

The pinnacle of the visit is, of course, the presentation of the medallions by the President, which takes place at the White House in the early evening followed by a reception. The Scholars return to the university dormitory after the ceremony, remaining there until the following day when they are free to return to their homes.

Parents are invited to accompany their sons and daughters to the presentation of the medallions and the reception afterward.

History

The Presidential Scholars program, established in 1964, has identified hundreds of America's ablest students but has uncovered no common formula for genius. Although they shared scholastic eminence, the

winners in past years have been as marvelously different as any assortment of individuals can be.

Approximately eight of every 10 have intended to go on to an advanced degree. In particular, they have indicated plans to study law, medicine, mathematics, the physical sciences, politics, and courses in public service.

Favorite reading has included such as Schopenhauer, John Stuart Mill, and Tolstoi—and Fearless Fosdick. Scholars have expressed admiration for Werner von Braun and Leonard Bernstein as well as Billy Graham and Pope Paul VI. Their political views have been strongly held and strongly expressed with about one in three categorizing himself or herself as a conservative.

The Scholars are, in brief, not really a "group" of anything. About all you can say with assurance is that they're among the most outstanding young people that we have and that we need them.

1969 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

Alabama

RUTH MARGARET CARR
Montgomery, Alabama
Sidney Lanier High School

WILLIAM J. FITTS
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Tuscaloosa High School

DEBORAH PATRICE O'NEAL
Birmingham, Alabama
A. H. Parker High School

Alaska

EUGENE MATHEW GUSTAFSON
Anchorage, Alaska
West Anchorage High School

LINDA LEE SWARTZ
Anchorage, Alaska
East Anchorage High School

Arizona

SUSAN ANNE GILLETTE
Phoenix, Arizona
Washington High School

TERRY D. VALENZUELA
Phoenix, Arizona
Camelback High School

Arkansas

ROSEMARY ALSPAUGH
Magnolia, Arkansas
Magnolia High School

JOHN HARRISON VESTAL
El Dorado, Arkansas
El Dorado High School

California

RENITA ANN BECTON
San Diego, California
Morse High School

MARGARET E. FIELD
Oroville, California
Las Plumas High School

DENNIS C. ROUSEY
Sacramento, California
Hiram W. Johnson High School

Colorado

JAMES THEODORE BURGHARDT
Littleton, Colorado
Bear Creek High School

LEE ANNA CLARK
Denver, Colorado
North Denver High School

Connecticut

ANDREW E. ELKIND
Stamford, Connecticut
Stamford High School

SHARON LEA SHURTS
Waterford, Connecticut
Waterford High School

Delaware

EDWARD CORR MAYNARD
Wilmington, Delaware
Brandywine High School

LINDA RINK
Wilmington, Delaware
Henry C. Conrad High School

District of Columbia

MARCIA D. MAYFIELD
Washington, D.C.
Eastern High School

PAUL DAVID PHILLIPS
Washington, D.C.
St. John's College High School

KAREN RUTH SINGER
Washington, D.C.
Woodrow Wilson High School

Florida

ARTHUR BARON ELLIS
Hialeah, Florida
Hialeah High School

PATRICIA KAREL GEARY
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Fletcher Senior High School

Georgia

CHARLES DONALD GODWIN
Atlanta, Georgia
W. F. Dykes High School

MELANIE ANN THOMPSON
Atlanta, Georgia
Henry Grady High School

PRICE WALKER, Jr.
Columbus, Georgia
Columbus High School

Hawaii

EARL LEON CARTER
Honolulu, Hawaii
Iolani School

DAWN EIKO HANZAWA
Kahului, Hawaii
H. P. Baldwin High School

JOHN SOO WAN LIM
Honolulu, Hawaii
W. R. Farrington High School

Idaho

TEDDY L. LUND
Samuels, Idaho
Sandpoint High School

JENNIE MARIE ORR
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Coeur d'Alene High School

Illinois

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Sugar Grove, Illinois
Kaneland High School

KATHLEEN I. McCULLOUGH
Homewood, Illinois
Homewood-Flossmoor High School

Indiana

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Corydon, Indiana
Corydon Central High School

DIANE CLAUDETTE FARHI
Fort Wayne, Indiana
South Side High School

Iowa

ELIZABETH B. CALDWELL
Sioux City, Iowa
Central High School

BRUCE ANTHONY HARRIS
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Washington High School

WILLIAM M. NOLAN
Guthrie Center, Iowa
Guthrie Center High School

Kansas

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Netawaka, Kansas
Whiting High School

RAMONA CURRY
Council Grove, Kansas
Council Grove High School

Kentucky

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Massachusetts

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North Muskegon, Michigan
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Minnesota

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Minnetonka, Minnesota
Hopkins High School

RANDI L. POSE
New Brighton, Minnesota
Mounds View High School

Mississippi

SUSAN IRENE GOSS
Biloxi, Mississippi
Biloxi Senior High School

GUY PAUL LAND
Eupora, Mississippi
Eupora High School

Missouri

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St. Louis, Missouri
John Burroughs School

JOHN G. HARTNETT
Webster Groves, Missouri
St. George's School

RICHARD F. WILLIAMS
Mount Vernon, Missouri
Mt. Vernon High School

Montana

NANCY A. NICOLSON
Billings, Montana
Billings Senior High School

JAMES AUSTIN TALCOTT
Great Falls, Montana
Great Falls High School

Nebraska

DEBORAH M. CROKER
Omaha, Nebraska
Harry A. Burke High School

LELAND REX SMITH
South Sioux City Nebraska
South Sioux City Community High School

Nevada

BARBARA RAE DORNAN
Reno, Nevada
Reno High School

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Las Vegas, Nevada
Bishop Gorman High School

New Hampshire

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Hanover, New Hampshire
Hanover High School

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The Derryfield School

New Jersey

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New York

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Pomfret High School

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Orchard Park Central School

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Dobbs Ferry High School

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Morganton, North Carolina
Morganton High School

North Dakota

NANCY FREEMAN CORNATZER
Grand Forks, North Dakota
Central High School

DAVID MELVIN SCHMIDT
Minot, North Dakota
Minot Senior High School

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Cranston, Rhode Island
St. Mary's Academy

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Riverside, Rhode Island
East Providence High School

South Carolina

EDITH ELIZABETH DOWLING
Beaufort, South Carolina
Beaufort High School

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Spartanburg, South Carolina
Spartanburg High School

South Dakota

KATHY KAY GROW
Mobridge, South Dakota
Mobridge Senior High School

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Pierre, South Dakota
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Tennessee

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Texas

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Middlebury, Vermont
Mount Hermon School

Virginia

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Petersburg, Virginia
Saint Catherine's School

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Blacksburg, Virginia
Blacksburg High School

Washington

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JAMES B. WHITE
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Gonzaga Preparatory School

West Virginia

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Parkersburg, West Virginia
Parkersburg South High School

ROBIN DALE KINSER
Verdunville, West Virginia
Logan Senior High School

Wisconsin

ANN MARIE B. BAHR
Port Washington, Wisconsin
Port Washington High School

JAMES ARTHUR THOMAS
Racine, Wisconsin
J. I. Case High School

Wyoming

ADELE AUSINK
Cheyenne, Wyoming
East High School

MICHAEL D. MANVILLE
Casper, Wyoming
Kelly Walsh High School

Abroad

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Valencia, Venezuela
de Carabobo Colegio Internacional

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